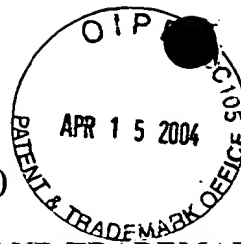


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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1290.

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AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE:

Please change the title of the invention to read as follows: OPTICAL RING
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM USING SQUELCH METHOD.